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SUBJECT:COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON LEATHER HANDBAGS

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1. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING INFO IN RESPONSE  
TO INQUIRIES CONCERNING CVD ON BRAZILIAN LEATHER HANDBAG  
EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ANNOUNCED JANUARY 5.

2. THE EFFECTIVE TARIFF RATE FOR BRAZILIAN LEATHER  
HANDBAGS IS NOW 24 PERCENT (TEN PERCENT TARIFF RATE PLUS  
FOURTEEN PERCENT CVD).

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3. BRAZIL'S EXPORTS TO THE U.S. AMOUNTED TO DOLS.5.2 MILLION

IN 1974, WHICH REPRESENTS 8.8 PERCENT OF BRAZIL'S TOTAL EXPORTS OF DOLS. 59 MILLION IN THIS PRODUCT CATEGORY. ACCORDING TO DATA PROVIDED BY THE U.S. NATIONAL HANDBAG ASSOCIATION, IN 1974 BRAZIL WAS THE SIXTH LARGEST EXPORTER OF THIS PRODUCT TO THE U.S., FOLLOWING HONG KONG (DOLS 20.4 MILLION), TAIWAN (DOLS. 15.9 MILLION), KOREA (DOLS. 13.1 MILLION), LEBONAN (DOLS. 11 MILLION), AND SPAIN (DOLS 6.1 MILLION). NO CVD INVESTIGATIONS OF OTHER MAJOR SUPPLIERS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE U.S. TREASURY SINCE THE NATIONAL HANDBAG ASSOCIATION FILED A PETITION ONLY AGAINST BRAZIL. FYI:THE ASSOCIATION SUBMITTED ITS COMPLAINT IN OCTOBER. 1974, FOLLOWING THE LEVYING OF THE CVD AGAINST BRAZILIAN LEATHER FOOTWEAR THE PREVIOUS MONTH. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THAT THE ASSOCIATION ACTED ONLY AGAINST BRAZIL BECAUSE IT FELT THE LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING A POSITIVE FINDING OF GOB BOUNTIES AND GRANTS WAS BEST CONSIDERING THE RESULTS OF THE FOOTWEAR INVESTIGATION. KISSINGER

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